Demands of Funds for Development of Bombay

272. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Maharashtra Government has urged the Central Government for Rs. 1000 crores for the development of Bombay City;

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposals and steps the Central Government propose to take in this regard; and

(c) whether the Central Government propose to reconsider the proposal to change the name of Bombay to Mumbai?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI K. R NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) The Government of Maharashtra had requested the Planning Commission for special assistance of Rs. 1000 crores over the five year period of the Seventh Plan for strengthening of infrastructural facilities in Bombay City.

Central Assistance to States is not given for specific projects/programmes but is given as block assistance for the Plan of the State as a whole, under the modified Gadgil Formula. Under this Formula, 10 per cent of the Central Assistance is allocated for specific problems of the States and a sum of Rs 50 crores has been provided to Maharashtra for the Seventh Plan period, keeping in view the special problems of development of Bombay City.

(c) No such proposal is under consideration in the Planning Commission.

Activities of the Sports Authority of India

273. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the various programmes of the Sports Authority of India during the next one year and what is the current budget allocation of the Authority; and

(b) the way in which the Sports Authority of India is helping the various official sports federations in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) The important programmes proposed to be implemented by the Sports Authority of India in 1985-86 are (i) utilisation of stadia under its control for the promotion of sports (ii) spotting and nurturing of sports talent at a young age through its proposed scheme of holding of National Sports Talent Search Contest (iii) promotion of the concept of 'Sports for all' for creating sports consciousness and (iv) assisting national sports federations in holding sports events and tournaments. A provision of Rs. 5.50 crores has been allocated to the Sports Authority of India during 1985-86.

(b) The Sports Authority of India, whenever approached assists the national sports federations in various ways like providing facilities in different Asiad Stadia for holding competitions in different disciplines.

Water Pollution by Industrial Units

274. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of industrial units are responsible for water pollution in the country;